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For: Method and Apparatus for)	
Performing Packet Classification for)	
Policy-Based Packet Routing)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005 (the "Office Action"), Applicant requests reconsideration in light of the Amendments and Remarks set forth herein.

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